

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

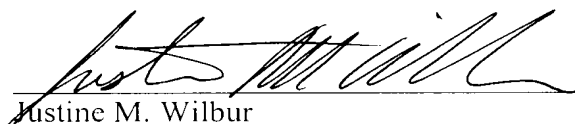
- Group I: Claims 1-9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-25, drawn to solid choline ascorbate formulations with an inert surface coating agent, process for the preparation thereof and use thereof in food, animal feed or drugs;
- Group II: Claims 1-8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 19-25, drawn to solid choline ascorbate-containing formulations embedded in an inert matrix, process for the preparation thereof and use thereof in food, animal feed or drugs; and
- Group III: Claims 1-8, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19 and 21-25, drawn to solid choline ascorbate formulations loaded on a porous carrier, process for the preparation thereof and use thereof in food, animal feed or drugs.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 21-25 (drawn to solid choline ascorbate formulations with an inert surface coating agent, process for the preparation thereof and use thereof in food, and animal feed or drugs), for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

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